

House Resolution 1117

By: Representatives Heckstall of the 62nd, Brooks of the 63rd, Dukes of the 150th, and Johnson of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the need to assist Georgians who have recently lost their health insurance
2 coverage and requesting that those in the medical industry hear the call for assistance; and
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, this resolution shall be known as the "Lovin' Georgia Healthy" plan; and

5 WHEREAS, the economic downturn is having a critical impact on Americans who are
6 struggling to maintain or find jobs in an increasingly difficult environment; and

7 WHEREAS, many Georgians are having difficulty making ends meet in these exceptionally
8 historic and challenging times; and

9 WHEREAS, countless Georgians have found themselves unemployed due to downsizing,
10 layoffs, or employer bankruptcy due to the economic turbulence being experienced around
11 the nation; and

12 WHEREAS, as a result of unexpected unemployment, thousands have been left without
13 health insurance coverage to assist with routine visits to the physician, emergency health
14 care, and unexpected illness; and

15 WHEREAS, many unemployed Georgians are unable to obtain health insurance, due to the
16 sudden and unexpected financial situations they find themselves in, or have been denied
17 access to health insurance due to preexisting medical conditions; and

18 WHEREAS, many of those who have recently lost their jobs and health insurance do not
19 have the opportunity to be added to a parent or partner's health insurance policy; in many
20 instances, two people in the same household have become unemployed at the same time; and

21 WHEREAS, the Georgia medical community is being called upon to help by increasing
22 current patient loads by 3 to 5 percent in order to provide affordable health care to those
23 recently unemployed who can show proof of having held health insurance within the last 18
24 months; and

25 WHEREAS, any help that can be provided by doctors, surgeons, nurses, dentists,
26 chiropractors, specialists, hospitals, medical supply companies, medical service providers,
27 and any others in the medical field would have a great impact on thousands who have found
28 themselves recently uninsured through no fault of their own; and

29 WHEREAS, keeping Georgians healthy and able-bodied is important to this state's economic
30 and overall prosperity, and it is incumbent upon all Georgians to do what they can to assist
31 their fellow man in this time of unprecedented challenges.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body recognize the struggles facing the citizens of this state and
34 encourage the medical community of Georgia to participate in the "Lovin' Georgia Healthy"
35 plan by providing assistance to those who have recently become unemployed and lost their
36 health insurance coverage.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to members of the public and
39 the press.